

**House Resolution**

**No. 45**

---

**Introduced by Assembly Member Dababneh**

June 10, 2014

---

House Resolution No. 45—Relative to the California-Ukraine National Guard Partnership.

1 WHEREAS, The California-Ukraine National Guard Partnership  
2 is one of 65 National Guard State Partnership Programs (also  
3 known as SPP). The California-Ukraine National Guard Partnership  
4 was formed in 1993, just two years after Ukraine earned its  
5 independence from the Soviet Union; and

6 WHEREAS, The State of California's partnership with Ukraine  
7 is among the most important and progressive partnerships in  
8 Europe. The California National Guard has actively trained with  
9 the Armed Forces of Ukraine to reinforce military respect for  
10 civilian control and rule of law while improving the  
11 professionalism of military personnel from both Ukraine and the  
12 State of California. Thanks to its strategic location, size, and  
13 population, Ukraine has the capacity to be one of the most  
14 influential countries in the region; and

15 WHEREAS, Prior to our strategic relationship, the Armed Forces  
16 of Ukraine were in desperate need of restructuring, modernization  
17 of forces, and information sharing. Ukraine needed the tools to  
18 learn how to build a consensus among civilian populations,  
19 analytical methods for achieving their goals, and how to become  
20 a diplomatic leader in its region. Ukraine is now putting that  
21 framework to the test, and that is thanks to the support of the  
22 California National Guard; and

1 WHEREAS, As the current political and military situation  
2 escalates in Ukraine, the partnership between Ukraine and the  
3 California National Guard becomes even more critical. Through  
4 the collaboration, California Guardsmen have addressed a broad  
5 range of social, economic, military, and political issues in Ukraine.  
6 The California National Guard has worked to give Ukrainian armed  
7 forces the tools to help secure their borders, provide emergency  
8 response training, and other training to large, diverse agencies in  
9 Ukraine; and

10 WHEREAS, Ukrainian military members have traveled to  
11 California to participate in disaster-relief exercises with the  
12 California National Guard and California Guardsmen have been  
13 deployed to Ukraine for antiterror exercises. Currently, the focus  
14 of the California-Ukraine National Guard Partnership is on English  
15 language training, strategic airlift collaboration, human resources  
16 and personnel management, humanitarian assistance, development  
17 of the European Union Battle Group, as well as how to best  
18 leverage relationships with neighboring countries; and

19 WHEREAS, As the current conflict in Ukraine becomes more  
20 dire, it is important to reflect on the Ukraine's military and political  
21 framework. Over the last several months, Ukraine's borders have  
22 shifted, political leadership has changed, and civil unrest has  
23 ignited. It is the hope that the tools that the California National  
24 Guard has provided Ukraine remain useful, and that the safety and  
25 security of Ukraine be restored; now, therefore, be it

26 *Resolved by the Assembly of the State of California*, That the  
27 Assembly proclaims its support for the California National Guard  
28 and the California-Ukraine National Guard Partnership; and be it  
29 further

30 *Resolved*, That the Chief Clerk of the Assembly shall transmit  
31 copies of this resolution to the author for appropriate distribution.